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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 9 and add the following claims.

A method of easing withdrawal symptoms of substance dependency or addiction in a human being comprising administering